

**MINUTES  
TOWN OF FORT MILL  
FORT MILL SOUTHERN BYPASS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
June 26, 2013  
112 Confederate Street  
7:00 PM**

Committee Members Present: Chairman Tom Adams, Chris Wolfe, John Garver, Don Elliott, Chris Barton, Donna Sigman, James Traynor

Advisory Members Present: Joe Cronin, Paul Mitchell, Brown Simpson, Jerry Chapman, Phil Leazer, Steve Allen

Others Present: Mayor Danny Funderburk, Kate Pearce (Land Design), Travis Johnson (Land Design), David Thackham (Fort Mill Times)

Chairman Adams called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

## **WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS**

Mayor Danny Funderburk welcomed the members of the committee. He stated the importance of the committee's work in developing a framework to manage growth along the future Fort Mill Southern Bypass Corridor. He also thanked members for volunteering to serve on this important endeavor.

Chairman Tom Adams welcomed everyone in attendance, and also thanked members of the committee for being a part of the planning process. He stated that is important to get feedback from a variety of viewpoints and interests, and looks forward to working with members of the committee over the next several months.

Following the welcoming remarks, each committee member and advisory member provided a brief introduction.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

1. **Project Overview & Scope:** Kate Pearce of Land Design gave a brief overview of the project, including project scope, process, timeline and deliverables. Joe Cronin, Fort Mill Planning Director, spoke about future growth projections for the corridor, as well as challenges presented by the fact that a large portion of the corridor currently resided in the county, and thus would not be subject to any overlay district or design standards approved by the town. Paul Mitchell, Fort Mill Engineering Director, provided an overview of current and future utility improvements in the corridor. Brown Simpson, Fort Mill Parks & Recreation Director, gave an update about recently completed and planned park improvements in the corridor.

2. **Fort Mill Southern Bypass Project Update:** Phil Leazer, York County Pennies for Progress Program Manager, provided an overview of the Pennies for Progress program, with a specific focus on the Fort Mill Southern Bypass Project. Mr. Leazer stated that Phase I of the project (Banks to Holbrook) was expected to be completed no later than May 2014, while Phase II would be completed by May 2015 (Holbrook to SC 160). Mr. Leazer showed several maps of the project, as well as a video showing the future road alignment. Mr. Leazer stated that the road is currently being constructed as a two-lane facility; however, the county has purchased enough right-of-way to accommodate future widening of the bypass to five lanes, including bike lanes and sidewalks. Mr. Leazer also spoke about the Spratt Street realignment project, which would take the bypass all the way to US Highway 21.

## **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION / DISCUSSION**

1. **Developing a Vision for the Fort Mill Southern Bypass Corridor:** Kate Pearce of Land Design led committee members through an initial discussion regarding a vision for future development on the bypass corridor. Mr. Wolfe stressed the importance of sidewalk connectivity, recreational amenities, and signage controls. Ms. Sigman discussed the need to manage traffic impact from future development along the corridor. There was also discussion about the need to limit the number of access points and driveways along the bypass. Mr. Barton questioned what impact any new regulations would have on future owners and developers who are currently under contract to purchase property along the bypass. Ms. Pearce also encouraged members to think of specific areas or corridors in other cities that would serve as an example of how we would want the bypass to develop. Ballantyne, NC, Mount Pleasant, SC and Hilton Head, SC were discussed during the meeting. Ms. Pearce asked members to continue thinking about other areas, and to send their ideas by email for discussion at a future meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Cronin  
Planning Director